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In re Patent Application of:
Yoshiaki Shiota

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2003 (Paper No. 17),
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining	Highest Number	Number Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	11	- 20*	=	x	0.00
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.